

to restrict the examination of the application to a single invention.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the claims that are directed to Species A (Claims 1-14) with traverse. Applicant notes that Section 803 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits while Species A, B, and C may be independent and distinct, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement since the claims are so closely related that maintaining them in the same Application would not cause undue hardship for the Examiner.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the present amendment, he should not hesitate to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (313) 337-2966.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment pursuant to 35 CFR s 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 06-1510.

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